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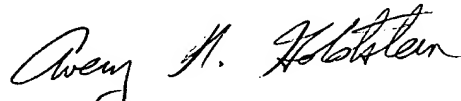
Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. The allowability of claims 1-9 is noted with appreciation. Claims 10-28 are newly added. Support for new claims 10-28 is found in the specification as filed and as such, it is submitted that no new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

An application abstract is submitted herewith to satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR §1.72(b). Currently the disclosure stands objected to with respect to Appendix A found on pages 10-15 of the specification as representing drawings within the specification. As Applicant believes the contents of Appendix A is not essential to the disclosure of the invention, the contents of Appendix A, and reference thereto, have been deleted. As such, Applicant believes the informalities detailed in the Office Action mailed September 4, 2002 have been addressed.

Consideration of newly added claims 10-28 is respectfully requested as being directed to a process equivalent of the pending and allowed claims 1-9.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the abstract, specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

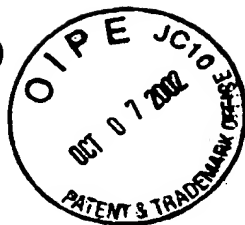
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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Attached hereto on a separate page is an abstract of the disclosure consistent with 37 CFR §1.72(b).

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning on line 23 of page 5 has been amended as follows:

During the data acquisition of the image by the central processing unit 24, the technician also utilizes a keyboard 34 or other data input equipment together with a video monitor 36 to input data pertinent to the particular crystal specimen. Such data input can include, for example, the pH of the specimen, temperature of the specimen, protein type of the specimen, detergents, additives, preservatives, reservoir buffer and associated variables of concentration, pH and volume, notes, score, drop descriptor, etc. Furthermore, in order to facilitate the entry of these additional parameters by the technician, the central processing unit 24 preferably utilizes software templates displayed on the video monitor 36 to eliminate, or at least minimize, the entry of redundant or repetitive information by the technician. [Examples of such are included in Appendix A, incorporated herein.]

Pages 10-15 corresponding to Appendix A have been deleted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

New claims 10-28 have been added.

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